



No. 7029 號九十二零千七第 日壹十月五年辰庚緒光 HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JUNE 18th, 1880. 五拜禮 號八十月六英 港香 (PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH.

INTIMATIONS.

ATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.
FRIDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY,
 June 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.
**ALLAN, PREMIER VENTRILO-
 QUIST OF THE WORLD.**
 THE ONLY VENTRILOQUIST LIVING
 who produces Seven Distinct Voices around
 himself and in the midst of the audience.
**VALUABLE AND VALUABLE PRESENTS
 GIVEN AWAY NIGHTLY.**
 About Seats \$1.00.
 and Seats 50 CENTS.
 About Seats may be secured without extra
 charge during the day of each Performance at
 the Theatre of 9 sharp.
 (Long 17th June 1890.) 1015

V.  R.
PRISON THEATRE.
 By kind permission of
 General E. DUNOVAN, Colonel HALL,
 Captain HEWITT, and OFFICERS Royal
 Artillery,
ROYAL ARTILLERY DRAMATIC

Publicly announce to the Garrison and the
 Faculty their intention of giving a
 "PERFORMANCE
 in the above Theatre, on
THURSDAY and WEDNESDAY,
 22nd and 23rd June, 1880.
 The performance will commence each Evening,
 with the Original Drama, in Two Acts, by
 H. T. CRABBE, Esq., entitled
"THE POST BOY."
 To conclude each Evening with the Original
 and Entertaining Farce, entitled
"B. F."
 The kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel GEDDES
 Officers, a portion of the Band of the 27th
 Regiment will attend.

PRICES OF ADMISSION :

First Seats	10	DOLLARS.
Second Seats	50	CENTS.
Third Seats	25	CENTS.

... can be obtained at the Officers Mess
 ... "Mess" Messengers, Messengers: S.A. and
 ... noncommissioned, all Pay Sergeants, and at
 ... on the Nights of Performance.
 ... es open at 8.30, to commence at 9 P.M.
 ... Kaba will be kept in motion during the
 ...
 ... GO SAVE THE QUEEN ! (1024
 ... gkong, 18th June, 1880.
 ... R B HOIHOW, PAKUOI, AND HAI-
 ... FOW.
 ... B Bismarck
 ... " HAINAN " 1022
 ... can, will be dispatched for the above
 ... TOMORROW, the 19th inst., at 6 P.M.
 ... Freight or Passage, apply to
 ... RUSSELL & Co.
 ... gkong, 17th June, 1880.
 ... FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY

“EMUJ,”
Master, will be despatched for the above
on WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 23rd
at 4 P.M.
Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, 18th June, 1890. [1023]
FOR SAIGON.
E Steamship
“VENICE”
Rhode, will be despatched for the above

Freight or Passage, apply to
S. O. SHING,
Bonham Strand, [1025
18th June, 1880.
POON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY,
Cargo and Passengers at through rates
BEFO, NEWGRADING, TIENTSI, HANKOW,
and Ports on the YANGTZEZ.
E Company's Steamship.
"ANTENOR."
In J. T. Bragg, will be despatched on or
the 21st instant.
Freight or Passage, apply to
UTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
Canton, [1033
17th June, 1880.
POON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SUZC
Cargoes and Passengers at THROUGH rates
YOKOHAMA, NINGBO, TIENTSIN, HANKOW,
and PORTS on the YANGTZE.
E Company's Steamship

"GLAUCUS."
In T. Jackson, will be despatched on or
the 24th instant.
Freight or Passage, apply to
SUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
Hongkong, 17th June, 1880. (996)
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
E Company's Steamship

"MENE LAUS."
In J. Nicol, will be despatched on or about
the 24th instant.
Freight or Passage, apply to
SUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

TO LET.
 E BUNGALOW, known as the "PARKER
 Villa," at the "BERRY" Station, Between
 Foreman and Can be had on 1st of July
 Particulars, apply to
 "D. NOWROOJEE,
 Hongkong Hotel,
 Hongkong, 28th June, 1880. [1927
 THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NELSON
 SPRATT, DECEASED.
 NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors
 and other Persons having any CLAIMS
 DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of
 NELSON SPRATT, deceased, are hereby re-
 quired to send in to the undersigned, a list of
 CLAIMS or DEMANDS to the Under-
 Solicitors for WILLIAM BOWEN SPRATT,
 administrator in the above Estate, on or
 before the first day of July next.
 Notice is hereby also given that at the
 expiration of the last mentioned day the said
 WILLIAM BOWEN SPRATT will proceed to dis-
 tribute the Assets of the said NELSON SPRATT
 to the parties entitled thereto, having re-
 spect to the Claims of which the said WILLIAM
 BOWEN SPRATT, or his Solicitors, have then
 received notice.

any part thereof so distributed to any of those Claim the said WILLIAM BOLLETT, or his Solicitors, have not had no the time of distribution.

and the 17th day of June, A.D. 1880.

BEERETON and WOTTON,
29, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

WANTED, AN AMERICAN BILLIARD TABLE, by good maker, with BALLS, &c. Must be in good order. Apply by stating where to be seen, to M. E. J., of this Paper.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1880. [1012

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE FREIGHT MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Daiu*, with the west French mail, left Saigon at 6 A. M. on the 17th, and may be expected here on the 20th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Gaonic*, with the American mail for the 22nd ultimo, left Yokohama on the 14th, and may be expected to arrive here on the 20th instant.

POST-OFFICE/NOTICES.

§ 57. The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our *Buletin*, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Shanghai.—To-day, the 18th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Manila.—Per *Diamante*, to-day, the 18th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Hothow, Pakhoi, and Haiphong.—Per *Hainan*, to-morrow, the 19th instant, at 5 P.M.

For Swatow and Amoy.—On Sunday, the 20th instant, at 9 A.M.

For Amoy and Manila.—Per *Emmy*, on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, at 3.30 P.M.

For Japan, via Kobe.—Per *Niigata-Maru*, on Friday, the 25th instant, at 5 P.M.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to order, under Section XII. of the Post Office Ordinance, 1876, that the Post Fee charged on Correspondence posted after certain hours for Europe, America, the Australian Colonies, Shanghai, &c., shall be 10 Cents, instead of 15 as hitherto.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet "SINDHU" will be despatched on MONDAY, the 24th inst. for Marseilles, and will call at the United Kingdom and Europe, viz: Naples; to Saigon, Siam, Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, the Australasian Colonies, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.
THE FRENCH MAIL.
SATURDAY.
7 A.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.
MONDAY.
7 A.M. Post Office opens.
10 A.M. Registrar of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.
11 A.M. Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M. Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents mail.
11.40 A.M. when the Post Office closes entirely.
11.50 A.M. Late Letters may be posted on board.

the packet with Late Fee of 18 Cents unit
time of departure.

THE ENGLISH MAIL—DAY OF DEPARTURE.

1 P.M., Money Order Office closes.

3 P.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting
all printed matter and patterns ceases.

4 P.M., Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

4.10 P.M., Letters may be posted with La
Fee of 10 cents.

4.40 P.M., When the Post Office closes entirely
4.40 P.M., Late Letters may be posted on bo
the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents unit
time of departure.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES

PAKETS.
The United States Mail Packet "GABRIEL" will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, with Mail for San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, and will also be loaded as follows:-
2.15 p.m. Registry cases.
2.30 p.m. Post Office boxes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.
Correspondence for Non-Union West: India (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay, cannot be sent by this route.

REGULATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers' Army Schoolmaster (not Superintending or First Class) or Schoolmistresses may send half-one letters to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or via Marseilles at the rate of four cents (two pence) each, which may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong Stamps.

2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

3.—All such letters prepaid at the former rate.

of two cents (one penny) will be returned to the holder of the ticket. Goods by private steam and by the mail boats.

4.—Private steamers leave Hongkong for London about every ten days, and are from 7 to seven weeks on the voyage.

5.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be seen over with the ends open.

6.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class a description must be stated in full on the letter the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, &c., in full.

7.—If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and the name of the ship must be stated in full.

* But not Warrant Officers, viz.—Assistant Engineer, Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

STAMP OFFICE.

The above Office being now provided with 3-cent die, Books of Receipts, Rent Collectors' Books, &c., can be stamped beforehand in the same manner as Cheque Books. Loose receipts can also be stamped if required.

LETTERS FOR THE UNITED STATES BY SAILING SHIP.

When it is desired to forward letters to the United States by a sailing ship which is notified as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to post the letters in the ordinary way, marked with the name of the ship, and prepay 8 cents for each half ounce of mail. This Office then makes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is requested that the letters be posted if possible at least one day before the date fixed for sailing.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except those belonging to the Postal Union, the

Many boxes of letters are received at the Post Office not sealed, that is to say, the boxes fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a copy-book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former, a

whether part or their might not have been
stratified for the sake of the Postage Stamps.

INDEMNITY FOR THE LOSS OF A REGISTERED LETTER.—
The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered Correspondence but henceforth it will be prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of \$ in certain cases, provided:—
1.—That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.
2.—That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3.—If any application was made for a letter to be forwarded immediately, and the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also lost.

4.—That the Postmaster-General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal Administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5.—No compensation can be paid for any damage to fragile articles such as porcelain, glass, or china, unless they are properly packed in accordance with the regulations of the Post Office.

